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R. L. Pugh, 33°

The Fidelity Reunion was a tremendous success - the 170 candidates - the largest in several years - showed up to take the degrees of the Scottish Rite. Happiness reigned supreme among all our Brethren with the size and quality of the class.

The November Reunion - and please keep these dates foremost in your mind - will be held November 12, 13 and 14 and you will be pleased to know that it has been designated as "The 1774 Reunion". This is in keeping with the theme of the First Provincial Congress which met in New Bern in 1774 and it was the first meeting held by duly elected representatives in defiance of Royal authority. This year will be a big year in the history of North Carolina as we celebrate this momentous event and the Scottish Rite Bodies are very happy to designate its next Reunion in such manner.

The curtain is now about to close on one of the most active years we have ever experienced, and as we look back upon the activities in which we have engaged we find so many things for which we should be truly grateful. This is true for many reasons, but primarily because the unity of Masonry throughout our Scottish Rite jurisdiction has been more deeply intensified and cemented.

In this last issue of the BAGPIPE, therefore, we would express our gratitude for all of those members who have participated so energetically in furthering our cause and in making it possible to bring so much of the Scottish Rite philosophy to those Master Masons who had never been offered that privilege. Without these dynamic personalities - and fortunately we have them in excellent quantity in every nook and cranny of our territory - we would not be able to look back upon our year's activities with such a feeling of satisfaction. How deeply indebted we are to have these Brethren, and how impossible it would be to make any headway without their dedicated interest. This is the Masonic leadership which we have sought so many years to develop and now we see it blossoming in all areas in the Valley of New Bern. We count ourselves so very fortunate indeed to be able to look into every community in our Valley, point out two or three or four outstanding Masons there and be able to say: "These are the Scottish Rite Masons upon whose shoulders the progress of Masonry in our Valley depends and we thank Almighty God for the dedication which these men display."

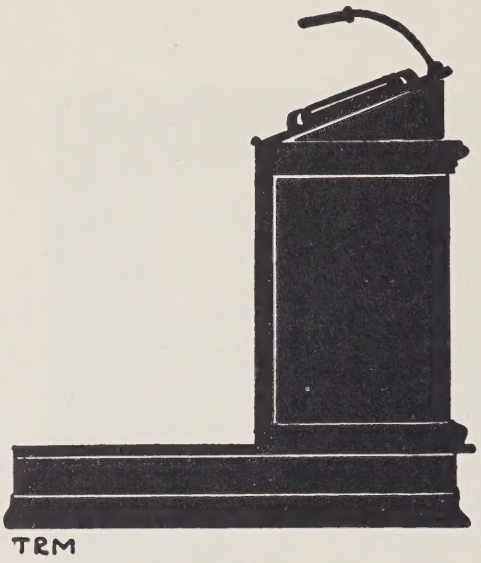
Have a good summer, therefore, my Brethren — and may it be the happiest summer you have ever experienced. At the same time of course you will not forget that we have a Fall Reunion coming up November 12, 13 and 14 and we must use every opportunity between now and then to keep the interest moving ahead with tremendous force.

In the meantime, enjoy yourselves and be sure to contact us if at any time we can be of assistance to you in any program involving the promotion of the Scottish Rite.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

As a preface to the column I want to add, first of all an expression of deep regret at my inability to be present during the Reunion. I missed my customary association with the members of the class and this absence from them caused me great concern. In addition to my regret in not being present, however, is my great joy in knowing that all of my responsibilities were so adequately handled by persons so beautifully qualified to take care of them.

I am grateful to the two good brethren who served as Instructors to the class, Brother Clyde McCarver and Brother Jim Coile. These two men are very learned in Masonic lore and this knowledge, combined with their great experience as ministers, made them fully qualified to serve the class in such a wonderful manner. My gratitude extends also to our Secretary and my good friend, Bob Pugh, who is always there when I need help in any way; to the girls in the office, Mrs. Dill, Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Hoke, for the wonderful assistance they give and also to Macco, the faithful custodian, who is always on the job. The services of these wonderful people, along with the assistance from all of the others who have such a responsible part in making the Reunion a success, provides the great comfort that came to me in my enforced absence. I am grateful to all of them.

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What Does Scottish Masonry Say To You?

The Spring Reunion is over; another fine and wonderful group of Brethren are in the fold. What does this mean? They now belong to a glorious, wonderful movement. What does Scottish Masonry say to you? I am afraid that it speaks a different language to some people, or perhaps I should say some people hear the words differently. What we hear means the interpretation we put on it, and how nearly we act the part out in our daily living.

Freemasonry for years has been defined as a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Morality comes close home to each one of us because it concerns us; without the fruits of our morality our religion is barren.

There is a depth to Scottish Masonry of unknown proportions, for if we study its purposes, we find new meanings and a noble philosophy. We find new avenues of service to God and to mankind. We really serve God, by serving His children here on this earth and its institutions. If we do not do this, who will do it?

One of the great lessons of Scottish Masonry is found within each human heart. What does Scottish Masonry say to you and what do you propose to do about it? It unites men of various sects, creeds, and opinions who might otherwise have remained at a distance. Its real beauty does not appear until it is put to work. Then it shows in abundance with clarity and effect. This does not mean in the lodge room alone, but in our community, our state and our nation.

What did Scottish Masonry say to you? May I take a moment to tell you what it said to me *Scottish Masonry told me that what holds this world together is not chemistry, weapons and guns, but spirituality, forgiveness and hope; not blind chance but an eternal purpose. We are and represent one of God's greatest creations and we certainly were not just put here on this planet by this great Creator, to mean nothing, to do nothing and to be nothing. Truth conquers evil and love is all powerful. There is and must be a Divine Creator to whom we should look for guidance and forgiveness. We show our love to this Creator when we extend it to our fellowmen. I saw in Scottish Rite Masonry, Love for God, Love for self, Love for fellowmen, Love for country and Love for our free institutions, our Public Schools, our churches and our Universities.*

What does Scottish Masonry say to you? The answer to this question and to many others reside within you, for that is its home.

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Must have made foes! If you have none,
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You've hit no traitor on the hip,
You've dashed no cup from perjured lip,
You've never turned the wrong to right,
You've been a coward in the fight.

—Charles Mackey

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Speaking in Quotes: He is always the severest censor of the merits of others who has the least worth of his own.

—E. L. Magoon

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Since we cannot get what we like, let us like what we get. —Spanish Proverb

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Tomorrow I will live, the fool does say: today itself's too late; the wise lived yesterday. —Martial

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Man has his will, - but woman has her way. —O. W. Holmes

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The manner of speaking is full as important as the matter, as more people have ears to be tickled than understandings to be judged. —Chesterfield

Speaking With the Ladies: An explorer was describing some of his adventures before an audience of women.

"Suddenly I came upon a tribe of wild women," he said, "who, strangely enough, had no tongues."

"Heavens! No tongues?" exclaimed one of the listeners. "How could they talk?"

"They couldn't," said the adventurer. "That's what made them wild."

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A local busybody, unable to contain her curiosity any longer, asked an expectant mother point-blank whether she was going to have a baby. "Oh, goodness, no," the young woman said pleasantly. "I'm just carrying this for a friend."

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"My wife tells me I talk in my sleep, doctor. What should I do?"

"Nothing that you shouldn't."

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"What's the matter with your husband today?" the doctor inquired. "He looks awful - much worse than he did yesterday."

"It's your fault," replied Mrs. Sullivan. "You told me to give him anything that he craved for didn't you?"

"Yes, I did," replied the doctor.

"Well, he craved for a fight - and believe me - he got it."

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Speaking in Jest: Three men were waiting in the hospital for their wives to have babies.

When the nurse finally came out, she said, "Which one of you is Mr. Harrison?"

"I am," said one of the men.

"Congratulations!" she said. "Your wife just had twin sons."

"What a coincidence," he said happily. "I work for 2 O'Clock Coffee Shop."

A few minutes later the nurse came out again. This time the message was for Mr. Walker.

"Your wife has had triplets," she said.

"That is a coincidence for sure," Mr. Walker said. "I work for the Third Street Record Shop."

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"I'm sorry, George," she said, "I can never learn to love you."

"Gee, that's too bad," said George, "and after I'd saved nearly ten grand, too."

"Give me one more lesson."

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We know a Hollywood beauty who is an expert housekeeper. Every time she gets a divorce, she keeps the house.

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The three hundred passengers on the first fully-automatic rocket plane flight from New York to Paris were aboard and belted in, and the great machine had whooshed aloft and into flight, when a voice came over the loudspeaker, in measured tones on infinite assurance:

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Speaking from His Book: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalms 133:1

Editor's Note: The BAGPIPE is pleased to acknowledge the use in the April 1974 issue of the New Age of one of the stories used in this column sometime ago. We congratulate Brother Vester on his use of such commendable materials!

Letter of Thanks

May 2, 1974

Robert L. Pugh, Secretary
New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies
Scottish Rite Temple
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Dear Bob:

Again let me express profound gratitude for the signal honor you bestowed upon me by allowing me to lecture the Class for a portion of the Reunion.

I have long felt that there was so little which I have been privileged to contribute to the Rite due to circumstances and distance. I often speak of our great obligation to prepare our hearts to know that privilege always requires responsibilities. The degrees mean so much each time we see them. They condemn our lethargy. They demand a response. Any service opportunity is a privilege which I treasure very highly.

It is my hope that this Reunion will have been one of the best ever held. The Class was most receptive and interested. I feel that our Bodies will be the richer by these brethren being amongst us.

Thank you for every kindness and your brotherly affections and charitable considerations.

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Fifty Year Award Winners

Our Reunion was signally honored with the attendance of a number of our Fifty Year Veteran members. A new one was added to the list during this Reunion and he received his cap during the Tuesday evening banquet hour when all awards were made. The newest member of this group is Dr. Joseph A. Fleetwood of Conway, N. C. and his cap was placed upon his head by his wife. Mrs. Fleetwood has also been very active in the Eastern Star activities for a number of years and our Reunion was delighted to have her present for this signal occasion. All of the Fifty year men were then grouped together for the picture which you see with this article. These are all good men, great Masons and they have meant much to the life of the Scottish Rite.

Left to right, seated: George D. Grimes, Thomas D. Quidley, Robert A. Barnum and Marcus Block. Left to right, standing: George W. Ipock, Marion W. Maxwell, Edward W. Paul, George C. Buck and Dr. Joseph A. Fleetwood.

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

There was this real handy article in a recent magazine that told you when to hop out and buy various articles, the purpose being to take advantage of price reductions in months when certain items move slowly.

According to their list you shouldn't buy anything in December except used cars and women's coats. That works all right for those people with enough money to cotten up to teenage sons and adorable wives but it means the rest of us shouldn't do our Christmas shopping in December. I already knew that.

The time to buy Christmas presents - or almost anything else - is in January. Over 50% of the items listed are marked down then. Next January I want to get out and lay in a good supply of glassware and coats, bicycles and blankets, handbags and linens, furniture and furs, carpets and sportswear, stereos and freezers, storm windows and toys . . . even water heaters. All of these items are priced their lowest then. I figure if I buy enough of these next January I'll save enough to pay the first month's interest.

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

It reminds me of when our son was overseas with the Army; he wrote us that he'd gone broke saving money on bargains.

It's funny how people are about bargains. An aunt of mine used to drive 'round and 'round the block looking for a parking meter with time left on it. I've known her to circle for fifteen minutes, trying to save a nickel.

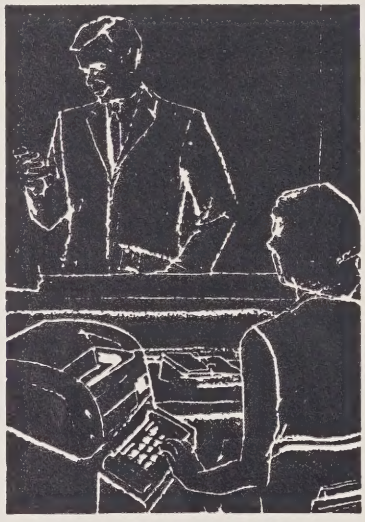
Next to January the best buying months, according to that article, are February and August. That doesn't help me much. If I buy my full ration of bargains in January I certainly won't be able to stock up a whole lot in February. And just about all my insurance premiums are payable in August. Looks like my usual luck pattern is prevailing.

Now I may have a modicum of luck in some things but financial matters is not one of them. During the last reunion, for instance, Mrs. Dill called Mary Frances and told her I'd won eleven dollars. When I got home I told Mary Frances that what had really happened was I'd *lost* a dollar. You talk about CREDIBILITY! Mary Frances is still raising her eyebrows over that one.

Getting back to the magazines . . . Another magazine recently offered another helping hand. On one page was an article entitled "What Taxes Are Doing To You." On the opposite page was an ad for Preparation H.

And there's this magazine that for years has offered about the same format. Real sucessfully, too. One of its frequent features is the description of some ailment or other, outlining full details as to causes and symptoms and how fast you should get to your doctor and so on. Well, we had a crusty old family doctor back home who always dreaded seeing that magazine come out; he said half the community would come to see him the next day with what he called "the disease of the month."

You can find some real doozies in magazines, but they can't hold a candle to television. The stuff you see on TV gets farther out all the time.



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The Fidelity Reunion had a number of distinctive features, so many that it would easily rank among the highest in the nation in that respect at this time. One of the most interesting features, however, was the presence of three generations of one family. This distinctive feature was made possible when Edward W. Paul, III of Elizabeth City became a candidate in this Reunion. His father, Edward W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., has been a very active member for a number of years and has distinguished himself beautifully in a number of degrees. His service was recognized a few years ago when he was elected to receive the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

The Veteran member of the trio has long been recognized as one of New Bern's most distinguished Masons, Edward W. Paul, 33°. He has now retired from active participation in the degrees but his interest in the Scottish Rite and in all other areas of Masonry, continues unabated. When he was informed that his grandson was to be given the first three degrees in Elizabeth City he made his plans to be present for each of the degrees and the Master of the Lodge very graciously agreed that Brother Paul should confer the degrees on his grandson. This he did with his usual grace, dignity and ability and it is safe to say that his grandson knew full well that he was being raised by a real master of the work.

Certainly the grandson inherits a beautiful Masonic tradition and it is our hope and prayer that he is going to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Isn't it interesting that he can now also refer to each of them as "Brother"?

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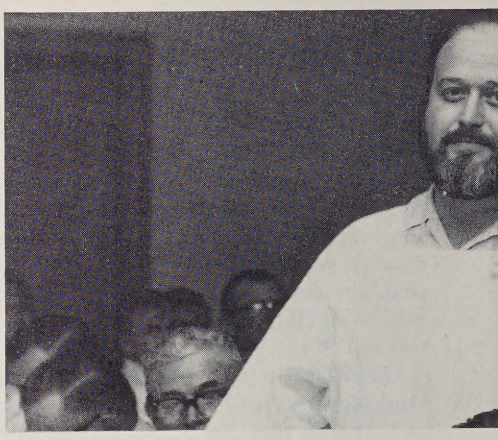

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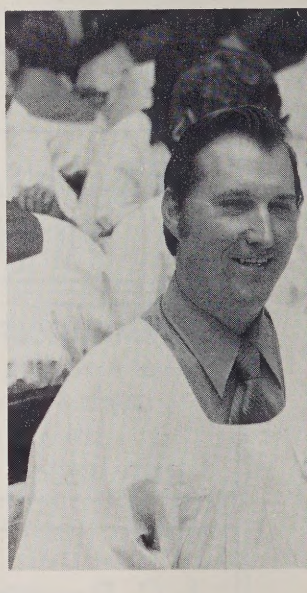

1. Inspector General, James G. Johnston, 33°, addressing the group.
2. The Secretary presenting awards.
3. Part of the crew who fed us with Glenda Hicks, Worthy Matron, Craven Chapter No. 129, in the center.
4. Conference of serious import with S. Frank Noble, James W. Brewer and John W. Worsham.
5. C. Neil Vester caught in a rare moment!
6. Nelson Banks enjoying the presentation of the gift to Sarah Johnston.
7. The amiable Recorder, Nelson Banks, 33°, being congratulated on his designation as the one to present the gift to Sarah Johnston with Doris Scott approving.
8. Harry Howard gave a beautiful Christian testimony to the

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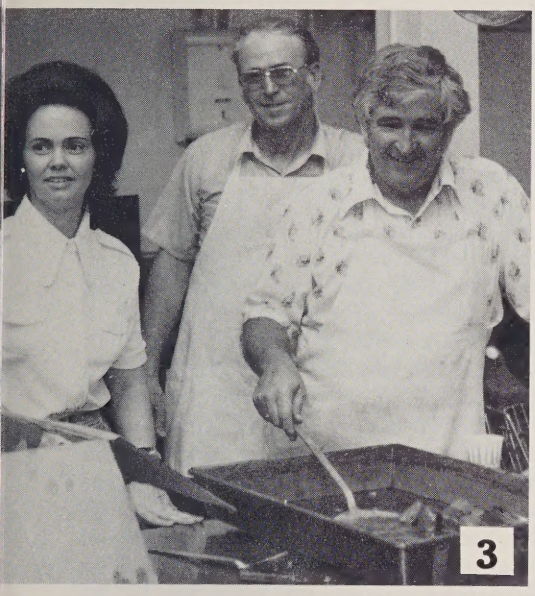
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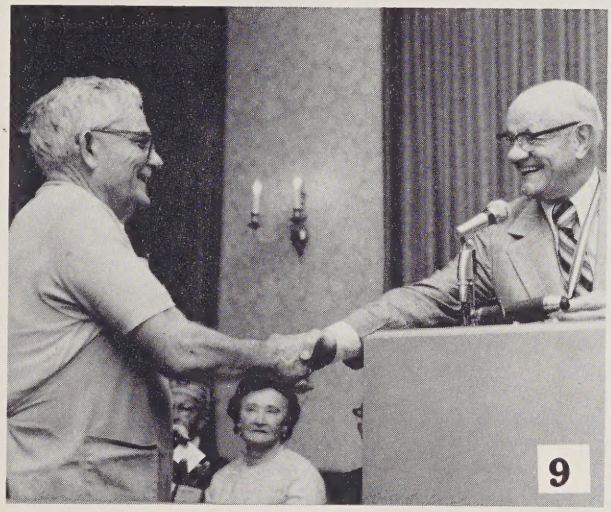
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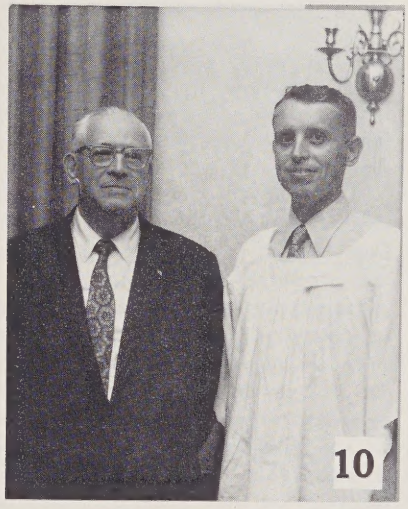
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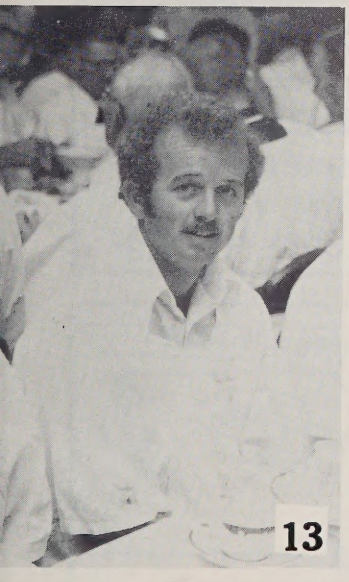
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work of the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospitals, having spent 18 years therein.

9. Charles T. Potter being congratulated on the award he received.
10. Allen Elsworth, Avalon, N. J., attends the Reunion to be present while his son, Richard William Elsworth, Major, U.S.M.C., takes the degrees.
11. This must have been a good one between the Inspector General, his wife and Doris Scott.
12. Sarah Johnston admiring gift from New Bern Scottish Rite, with hearty approval of her husband.
13. Two very interested members of the class, Albert W. Brinson, Jr. and Fred M. Brown.
14. Mrs. Fleetwood places the Fifty Year cap on the head of her husband, Dr. Joseph F. Fleetwood.
15. James W. Brewer introducing the distinguished guests.

"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life!

Man may possess meaning and purpose in life in which he believes with the top of his mind, but which has never been accepted and is often disobedient to his deeper self. This is the agony that results from an undisciplined life.

Many people have not visiably and outwardly run away from life. But, they are fed up, empty, tired of life's meaninglessness which our scientific know-how cannot touch. We have all existed in our mounting crises of faith. What can be said of all of us in this amazing, productive, and yet fearfully destructive age? The worship of technology has brought us to the point where those of us who have any awareness at all can understand and shudder at the technological potentialities of man. One scientist stated: "If man has the possibility and the power to exterminate all life on the earth, he will".

Man will do just that unless he discovers the spiritual imperative that leads him to find a new song that celebrates and proclaims the faith from which comes meaning, values, hopes, and responsibility necessary of this age. Many people have lost the meaning and values necessary for life as we once knew it. I need not remind us that rapid changes have come in the matter of morals and modes of living. This has resulted in fractured families and new form of communal and sexual relationships. It is upon us in overwhelming stimulation, bombardments of the senses, information overloaded, and decision making . . . all of which is leading us toward a collision course in the future.

Then, there are the personal crisis . . . understanding our own roles in life, conflicts within our families and communities. It is almost easy to see why

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people are shocked into apathy and immobility in trying to believe that anything can be done to change the human situation. My heart bleeds for those who once were dedicated to the belief that their services would make a difference and now have given up the job and quit trying! There are thousands of drop-outs from responsible participation in the day by day activities which they once believed could make a difference. The lethargy which I see about us is abundant evidence that they see no hope for their lives to make a difference. They feel that they can make little real contribution toward removing injustices and making the changes which are required if life is to have meaning. Many of the homes of America are polluted with suspicion and distrust. So is their city, nation, and world.

The loss of nerve is the costly error of our day! Too many have lost faith in the "old gods" and values which for many generations have been sustained by self-discipline. Our Craft teaches us that only a person with an authentic faith in God is likely to believe for long that, with all the possibilities of suffering and destruction, "these are the best of times."

Well, what can we do? Give up in despair and seek for those things which satisfy less and less? We could escape to the "sanctuary" and sing nice songs. We could seek peace of mind. We could leave the whole mess to God. But, we have been taught that when we do, we soon find that these means of escape have a way of turning life in on us and leaving us more empty than ever! I like the story of the large woman who stood on the scales without knowing that they were out of order. The scale hands went to seventy pounds and stopped! A small boy who was watching responded "Whew! She's hollow!" What an appropriate picture of many people today. They have sought right things in the wrong places.

Masons seek for TRUTH. What is this truth? Impersonal, unconscious force? Integrating principles? What is the nature of this truth which we often speak as "His truth is marching on?" Is it not the awesome power ruling this universe?

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The fact that so many are unsure or simply do not believe this basic truth is both our first problem and our greatest tragedy. How can we be interested in God's will and His purpose for life unless there is this minimum conviction upon which we are willing to live or die? How else can we answer the question: "Does might make right?" Does selfishness really pay in the long run? Is sacrificial, self-governing service in the world really foolish? Is service optional?

If I believe that the answers to such questions is simply my own choice, I would have a very poor measuring-rod, indeed! How may we know the mystery of life and service? How can we be aware that we are the people of God? How can we be sure enough to discover a "new song for our day?"

In response to these questions, I offer four suggestions: First, we must be convinced of the reality of God; Second, we must be reconciled to the loving purpose of this God who rules the universe; Third, we must commit ourselves without reservations to live our life under those purposes as we are able to discover them and to understand them; Fourth, we must be disciplined voluntarily by continued acts of faith through the use of the means that best enable us to live and die by our Masonic faith.

Wives of the Candidates - Spring Reunion 1974 - who took advantage of the special tours and entertainment provided. Mrs. J. R. Chadwick and Mrs. F. C. Stewart were hostesses for the ladies.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club", held its regular meeting, Thursday night, May 9, 1974, at "Buck Overton's Restaurant", Jacksonville, N. C. where the brethren and their ladies enjoyed a splendid dinner. It was impressed on the brethren the splendid opportunity each one has to carry "Scottish Rite Masonry" with them on their vacations and while they are enjoying themselves they will have many opportunities to tell their "Blue Lodge brethren" about the wonderful world of "Scottish Masonry".

While attending the Reunion at New Bern last week and observing the degrees conferred, and the wonderful cooperation of the brethren in presenting their great teachings, I began to think how wonderful it would be if we would only let God have control of our intellect. While there is a vast difference between an intellectually centered life and a deeper, spirit-filled God-controlled experience, Christianity does fill and control the mind as well as the spirit of man. Scottish Rite Masonry is a reasonable avenue to a sensible Christian faith.

Few realize how earnestly the Holy Spirit wishes to, and is able to, dominate one's personality. When we come to realize that the mind is a gigantic computer which contains every thought we ever had; every impression which has come to us; every touch, sight, sound, vibration, or odor that we have ever experienced, it is certain that we shall feel the need to turn to a Higher Power!

When driving on the highways we notice near each bridge we see a sign erected by the state telling each motorist to "THINK", its high time America woke up and used its intellect.

Scottish Rite Masonry exhorts its members to use their minds: The Apostle Paul exhorts Christians to use their minds: "Think on these things". Everything in Masonry has its climax in one word - "THINK". God's word teaches us to "Think". When we make mistakes we often say, "I just didn't think." Or we may remark, "I wish I had thought sooner!"

The Christian faith does not discard "thinking". Masonry follows its example. We realize that a heartfelt religion is stimulating, but we should also keep in mind that our faith is based on truth and good sense and not upon pure emotionalism.

Our thoughts may be regulated. Paul gives us a specific list of things to "think on". He introduces a noble exhortation to the highest ideals of thought and endeavor. This list is positive.

Scottish Masonry teaches its members to be high thinkers. He is to reject the negative, select the positive, and be able to recognize the difference between the two.

A scourge of freewheeling, permissive activities pervades the world today. Many are seeking to expand the mind by the use of hallucinogenic drugs. An ex-addict wrote a popular columnist to say.

"The person who gets stoned (intoxicated by narcotics) every day gets wrecked. Unable to speak coherently - to walk or even stay awake".

God's word tells us that "the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets" (1 Corinthians 14:32). If people could always keep this in mind, many of the extreme demonstrations which pass for religion might be avoided.

It would be a healthy step toward high thinking, if we would let Scottish Rite Masonry's high ideals and great teachings, as found in the "Holy Writings" cast down our imaginations and things that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God and find ourselves "bringing" into "captivity every thought to the obedience of God."

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsover things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; . . . think on these things. Philippians 4:8.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, May 5, at the Washington Lodge. This was a charcoal steak cook-out. Thirty-eight members and guests were present. Barry Gutfeld and Charles Hester with their wives were hosts for the occasion. Julian Vann gave the invocation. Harmon Davis presided and welcomed Mrs. Betty Davis, mother of Mrs. Gutfeld, he also welcomed Martin John Quante, and his lovely wife Gail, as new members. John just completed the 32 degrees at the Fidelity Reunion. He was one of five candidates from

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Ashley Leggett gave a report on the Fidelity Reunion and explained that he thought the present Temple is getting almost too small to accomodate its members. He urged the brethren to return as often as is possible to review some of the degrees if not all of them. Leggett also had as his guest, Cecil Ulmer of Wilmington, N. C., throughout the Reunion.

President Davis called attention to the large number of absentees which was probably due to the rainy day but he also commended those present for venturing out in such weather.

The club approved a donation be made to the Washington Lodge 675 for the use of their facilities.

Wiley Hill was appointed chairman of a committee to approach the Washington Lodge relative to the proposed shelter over the charcoal cooking area, Roy Edwards, Harmon Davis and Robert Mohler are also on the committee.

A covered-dish supper is planned for the June 2 meeting at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. Jack Tripp, Hermon Jones and Henry Jones with their wives will serve as hosts for the occasion.

Ashley G. Leggett

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club Observes Maundy Thursday

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club again presented the Maundy Thursday Easter Service this year. The opening portion of the service was held on Thursday, April 11th in Hall Lodge No. 53 at Indiantown, the oldest lodge in our area with Brother Gid Kight serving as Master.

The service was concluded, following a delicious breakfast prepared by Brother Louis Bell and several of the brethren, in the temple of Eureka Lodge No. 317 at Elizabeth City with Brother Lindsey Barber serving as Master. All the brethren who assisted in the presentation of the service handled their respective parts with true expertise. This ceremony is always well received by the brethren attending and is truly one of the most beautiful and impressive of our Easter season.

The Maundy Thursday Service was started by our Club several years ago when some of our brethren who had attended this service in New Bern, decided that we could avail our members the privilege of taking part in the work. The wisdom of this decision has been borne out of the increasing attendance and interest shown by our brethren who gather for this wonderful occasion. each year.

Clifton E. White, Secretary

Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met on this date, March 28. Brother Lee Dorsey, 33:, gave the invocation. Brother Sterling Gillikin welcomed our ladies and guests. A delicious steak supper was enjoyed by all. Our guests for the evening, Brother Bob Divoky and his lovely wife, were introduced by Brother Bill Leggett, K.C.C.H. Brother Divoky gave a most interesting talk on Scottish Rite Masonry, describing its founding and principles.

We had five candidates who will take the degrees this spring, Brothers Jimmy Lassiter, Jerry Fitzgerald, Tom Ford, Billy Kilpatrick, and Jimmy Davis. It looks like we will have a few down for the Reunion, making Brother Bob Pugh happy. An outline for the three days was presented by Brother Gilliken, Club President. A good time was enjoyed by all present. The benediction was by Brother Lee Dorsey.

Marvin Kornegay, Secretary

What Is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry is dedicated and devoted to the welfare of Humanity; and in pursuance of this worthy objective, it teaches morality; friendly brotherly love, fidelity, respect for law and order; it advocates education, by a system of public schools, non-partisan, non-sectarian, with equal educational opportunities for all; orderly government of, for and by the people, with justice for all, and special privileges for none.

Masonry is charitable, it is benevolent, it is educational; and, though not a religious organization, it teaches reverence for God and His Holy Word; and, by a prescribed system of ceremonies, it constantly addresses to its membership lessons of morality based upon the Sacred Law.

From time immemorial, Masonry has stood for the highest ideals of civilization; and wherever Masonry has flourished, these ideals have come nearest to realization and the highest standards of living have been obtained. Wherever Masonry has been cast out, the standards of living have immediately gone down, civilization has deteriorated, and the

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freedom of the people have been abolished.

The organization of Masonry deserves the support of every man who is interested in the welfare of the nation, the state, the community in which he lives, and his own family. Every Masonic Lodge, by its influence for good, makes the community in which it is located a a better place in which to live.

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DO WE CLAIM MASONRY TO BE A RELIGION?

Our purpose as Freemasons is not that of a religion. We seek no converts. We solicit no new members. We raise no money for religious purposes. By any definition of religion accepted by our critics, we cannot qualify as a religion.

A man has not subscribed to a new religion, much less to an anti-Christian religion when he becomes a Mason, any more than when he joins the Democratic or Republican parties or the YMCA. *And there is nothing in Freemasonry that is opposed to the religion he brings with him into the lodge.* Freemasonry does not assert and does not teach that one religion is as good as another. We do not say that all religions are equal because we admit men of all religions.

We refuse to apply a *theological test* to a candidate. We apply *a religious test* only. We do ask a man if he believes in God and that is a *religious test only. Belief in God is faith; belief about God* is theology. We are interested in *faith only* and *not in theology.* When Freemasonry accepts a Christian, or a Jew, or a Buddhist, or a Mohammedan, it does not accept him is such, *but as a man—worthy to be received into the Order.*

We are a completely tolerant organization. We stand for the values that are supreme in the life of the church and we are sure that he who is true to the principles he learns in Freemasonry will be a better church member because of it. I have heard more than one minister say that he felt he was a better Christian and a better minister because of his Freemasonry.

Freemasonry rightly conceived and practiced will enhance every worthy loyalty in a man's life. *It will not weaken a man's loyalty to his church, but will strengthen it by the increased sense of responsibility to God and a dependence on God taught in our ritual.* It will not drain his strength from the service of the church but increase his strength for the service of the church. *It will stimulate his interest in the values of religion that enrich and ennoble the life of a man.*

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MASONRY AND RELIGION

Freemasonry is not a church. It does not take the place nor intrude upon the domain of the Church of the Living God, but is its friend and servant.

Freemasonry is the greatest human institution the world has ever known. But it makes no covenant with God for salvation. Its altars are sacred, but they are hallowed only by human ties, and by the love which prays for the blessings of the Eternal One. It makes no atonement. It offers no sacrifice save those of prayer and praise. It speaks of no Mediator.

Masonry is a bulwark for religious liberty. It does not propose to make bad men good, but to make good men better. It is a friend and supporter of the basic objectives of religion. The churches and Masonic bodies should be cordial allies. They are not identical, but have so many interests in common.

Masonry is not to permit the Mason to replace church but to reinforce it. It does not supplant, but supplement. It does not subvert, but support.

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IS MASONRY A SECRET SOCIETY?

Contrary to a somewhat widespread belief Masonry is not a secret society. The only secrecy that might be charged against the fraternity is nothing more than a method enabling members to recognize each other, a few of our legends and traditions and our means of inculcating certain philosophies. Everything else pertaining to our sometimes misnamed society, its design, its objects, its moral and religious tenets and the great doctrine which it strives to teach, *are as open as if we held our meetings on the highway beneath the sun of midday.*

The term "secret society" at once implies an underground group which adopts a complete secrecy as to the object of its being, the time and place, etc. *Masonry cannot be accused of any of these.* A A Masonic meeting place may always be readily identified and is usually an outstanding building in the community. Open meetings, to which the public is invited, are frequently held. Masons are proud of their membership and usually wear an emblem indicating such affiliation. Masonic funerals are publicly held. Parades by affiliated bodies, all members of the fraternity, are held regularly in public, with no attempt at secrecy ever being considered.

Masonry interferes neither with religion nor with personal politics, but does insist upon a belief in one everliving and true God, nor will Masonry ever admit to membership a man whose loyalty to his country is subject to the least shadow of a doubt. Masonry is not a secret society.

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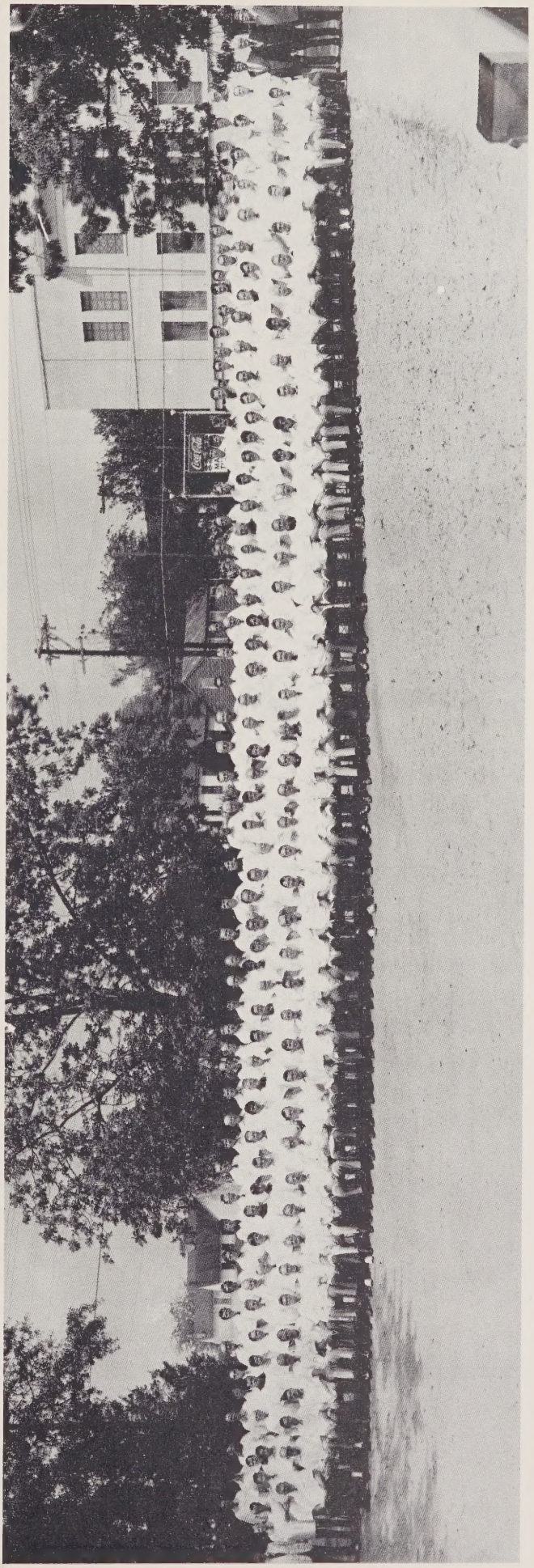

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